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Summary

A. – General Requirements for FS E&T	
Worker Responsibilities after	Changed JAS instructions to e-JAS instructions.
WAC 388-444-0005	

B. – Clients Who Must Participate

Clarifying Information after WAC 388-444-0010

- Added Mason County showing that FS E&T services are provided to both ABAWDs and FS E&T clients.
- Changed JAS instructions to e-JAS instructions.

D. – Payments for Related Expenses

Clarifying Information after WAC 388-444-0025

Removed old JAS instructions.

E. - ABAWDS

Clarifying Information & Worker Responsibilities after WAC 388-444-0030

- Changed the definition of work to include in-kind goods or services. Clients no longer have to receive money for the work they do they can receive in-kind benefits.
- When a worker verifies with another state the number of months an ABAWD received benefits without participating in work requirements and documents that information, if the information is not correct, there will not be a QC error.

Worker Responsibilities after WAC 388-444-0035

- Changed the 15% exemption for homeless if the client is homeless there must be another reason to exclude the person from participation in work requirements.
- If a client claims to be physically or mentally unable to work, the work verifies this information when it is questionable.
- Included that a nurse, nurse practitioner, or a person in a doctor's office or any other medical personnel that is appropriate can verify that a client is unable to work.

Clarifying Information and Worker Responsibilities after WAC 388-444-0040

- Added that Workfare is only available to ABAWDs since they are limited to only three months of benefits in a 36-month period.
- Added that ABAWDs can combine work and work programs to fulfill the 20-hour per week requirement.
- Added reasons for good cause determination for clients who are not able to work.
- Changed JAS instructions to e-JAS instructions.

Clarifying Information and Worker Responsibilities after WAC 388-444-0045, Regaining eligibility for food assistance

- Included the information that there isn't a limit to the number of times an ABAWD can regain eligibility. If the ABAWD has used all three months of eligibility, the ABAWD must fulfill the work requirements before you can issue more benefits.
- Changed the Reconciliation chart to include the new maximum benefits for food assistance.
- Included information that a partial month of benefits is not counted when an ABAWD is eligible for a second three months of eligibility.
- Changed JAS instructions to e-JAS instructions.

Appendix I - FS E&T / ABAWD Participation Requirement by Location

Changed the chart to reflect the newly exempt areas and to change Mason County (Shelton CSO) from exempt to non-exempt.

Appendix II - Zip Codes for Exempt Cities

Added the zip codes for the Cities of Spokane and Kennewick. These cities are now exempt.

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